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## KENTUCKY WHITES FAVOR NEGRO HISTORY IN SCHOOLS

Louisville, Ky. Jan. 17,—Vigorous protest against the injection of race prejudice into political campaigns; scathing arraignment of the Ku Klux Klan, the unveiling of the bugbear of "social equality," and the adoption of constructive plans for 1924, were among the high lights of the Fourth Kentucky International Conference, held in Louisville last month. Several hundred people were in attendance, including leading men and women of both races. A two day program of addresses and discussion was carried out.

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Dr. James Bond, State International Director, reported encouraging improvement in educational, health and travelling facilities for colored people, and the constant growth of understanding and sympathy between the races. There has been close co-operation between the International Commission and the State and local Boards of Education and Health, the Y. M. C. A., and the United States Public Health Service. 1-26-24

Among the recommendations referred to the Executive Committee to be worked out during the new year were the following: That the study of Negro history be put into the high schools, and the study of race relations into both high schools and colleges; that equitable participation be secured in all schools bond issues; that the advantages offered by the Jeanes, Slater and Rosenwald Funds be availed of as widely as possible; and that representation for the race be secured on the State Board of Health. Another important objective is the establishment of a second standardized training college for colored teachers.

With regard to the Klan the conference gave out the following statement:

"Whereas the purpose of the Ku Klux Klan is to stir up and make permanent race prejudice between the white and Negro races, besides the injustice done to Jews and Catholics; and whereas the existence and methods of the Klan are contrary to the Constitution of the United States and the State of Kentucky, in that they deny the right of every citizen to his life, liberty and property under the protection of the law and the courts.

"Therefore, we commend the excellent paper of Judge Hager, read before the Conference, in which he shows that the Klan is treasonable, in that it is contrary to human law as set forth in the constitutions of the United States and of the States of Kentucky,

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## Anthropologist Begins Talks on Negro at 135th St. Library

Prof. Alexander Goldenweiser, an authority on anthropology and sociology, began a series of lectures on the Negro, Wednesday evening, at W. 135th St. Public Library. His first lecture was on "Race and Culture," which showed the racial background of the Negro.. The next will be on Wednesday evening, May 7, on "Physical Types and Languages." Other lectures will follow on June 4 and July 2. Prof. Goldenweiser is a member of the faculty of the School of Social Research.

### QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS IN NEGRO HISTORY

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Did the black races found the science of astronomy? G. K. L., Baltimore, Maryland.

As far as we know, the Chaldeans and Egyptians were the first peoples to study the stars. They were both black nations. Even today about forty of the constellations still bear the names of African heroes and heroines, Cassiopea, Cepheus, Andromeda, Cadmus, Icarus, the Pleides, Hercules Virgo, Canis and many more, were all black heroes of antiquity.

What is a Nordic? T. R. F., Milwaukee, Wis.

Nordic is a name adopted by the Klan to apply to pure white faces. It is a fiction pretty much the same as the term "Aryan" adopted about sixty years ago by Max Muller. It is in reality a desperate effort on the part of the Klan to preserve the idea of white superiority in the face of the vast amount of evidence coming to the front that supports the fact of the former superiority of the dark races.

Have there ever been any great African epics? R. D., Akron, O.

Yes. Among the greatest are the Iliad, the Oddysey, the Epic of Pentaur, the Romance of Antar, the Shan Nameh, the Ramayana, the Mahabarata, and many more too numerous to mention.

Who was Io, of the Grecian myths? W. H. J., Kansas City, Mo.

Io, the famous little heroine of Ancient Greece. was the sister of Pelasgus, the legendary ancestor of the early Greeks, or Pelasgians, Zeus, the Grecian god, fell in love with her and became the father of her son, Epaphos, the "black, touch-born" son. He later returned to Greece and there founded a nation. "Aeschylus, the Grecian dramatist, mentions him in his drama, "The Suppliants."

I have been reading recently of discoveries relating to the ancient city of Kish, but have read nothing as to who its inhabitants were. Can you enlighten me? Y. K. F., St. Louis, Mo.

Kish was an ancient city of Chaldea and named after Cush, its founder, who was supposed to have been the son of Ham. Exploring parties are now uncovering its ruins and a large consignment of various things are now on their way to the Field Museum at Chicago. The inhabitants of Kish were black and part of that great confederation of black peoples who were building the civilization of the Mesopotamian Plains.

Where and what was Meroe? T. P. L., Seattle, Wash.

Meroe was the centre of the great Ethiopian Empire and was located upon an island just south of Egypt and upon the frontier between Egypt and Ethiopia. Here reigned the great Ethiopian kings and queens and through Meroe passed a great deal of the trade between Africa and the Orient.

Who were the Lion's brood? I have read of them in connection with Carthage, but do not know who they were. H. K., Lincoln, Nebr.

Those spoken of as the Lion's brood were Hamilcar, Hasdrubal and Hannibal, the great conquerors of Carthage Hamilcar was the father of Hasdrubal and Hannibal his sons. They were all Negroes and famous from their attacks upon Rome to maintain the ascendancy of Carthage.

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**Was Mohamet a black man?—R. S. P., Dayton, Ohio.**

Mohamet was a brown skinned Arab and of Negro descent. As he states in the Koran, "I am an Arab of the Ataite and of the purest blood in your land. I came to the House of Hashim and the tribe of Koreish." This tribe was one of the oldest and greatest of the Arabian tribes and made up of Yemenites who are closely akin to the Ethiopians.

**Were any Negro races concerned in the Trojan war?—B. L. Y., Boston, Mass.**

All the major peoples concerned in the Trojan war were Negro and of African descent. The Greeks were led by Agamemnon, a king of Mycennae, the royal house of this kingdom having been founded by Africans. Priam, King of Troy, was a brother of Tithonus, King of Ethiopia. Hector, the great Trojan hero, was the son of Priam.

**Have any Negro races ever settled in northern Europe?—T. K., Tacoma, Wash.**

The remains of the prehistoria races of Europe prove it to have been inhabited by Negro races. More recently Phoenicians settled in Ireland and there founded the Gaelic civilization. They are also supposed to have been the ancestors of the Druids of Britain.

**Who was Queen Dido?—M. P. S., Macon, Ga.**

Queen Dido was a Phoenecian and of African descent and the founder of Carthagr. In the legends of Aeneas he fell in love with her after his escape from burning Troy, but had to leave her upon the command of the gods. Disconsolate and heart broken, Dido burned herself upon a funeral pyre.

**What books can I read that will give me the truth about the history of the African people?—R. E. D., Fort Worth, Texas.**

Few indeed, as the American historian deliberately withholds the truth and writes falsehoods. One has to read many, many volumes to get at the truth, although there are many European writers who write the truth. Their works, however, are not always available to American readers. I would suggest that you let me know just what division of African history interests you and I can then advise more wisely.

**Who was Osiris?—G. H. N., Philadelphia, Pa.**

Osiris was the greatest god of Egypt and he with his wife, Isia was supposed to have created the Egyptian race. He was always represented as black and with typical Negro features. Later he became the ruler of the Hall of Judgment.

**Who was General Dodds?—E. L., Chicago.**

General Dodds was the mulatto general who commanded the French forces in China during the Boxer rebellion. It was agreed among the Allies that the highest ranking general take command of all troops, when it was discovered that General Dodds was the ranking general, the Americans protested against having a Negro in command. The operations were then held up until Germany sent Count Van Waldersee, who was given a rank immediately that made him higher than General Dodds.

**Was Hiram, King of Tyre, a Negro?—C. P. D., Des Moines, Iowa.**

He most certainly was. And had it not been for Hiram, the Temple of Solomon would never have been built. Solomon was ignorant of the craft discovered and perpetuated among Negro kings, therefore was forced to call upon Hiram to aid him in construcing the temple.